National Missing Children’s Day Poster Contest

The U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) is once again sponsoring the National Missing Children’s Day Poster Contest to raise awareness and bring attention to children who have been recovered, as well as children who are still missing. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 1, 2013.

To participate in the contest, students must:

- Be in the fifth grade
- Complete a poster size 8 ½ x 14 inches
- Include the phrase “Bring Our Missing Children Home” somewhere on the poster
- Handcraft the poster’s design. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs, and stamping are not eligible
- Use materials such as: crayons, markers, paint, pencils, etc.
- Submit the poster along with a completed contest application and release and consent form
- Entries should be postmarked by Feb. 1, 2013

Each state’s Missing Children Clearinghouse will select a winner and submit the winning state poster to the U.S. DOJ for final judging. The winner of the national contest, along with his or her teacher and parents, are flown to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Missing Children’s Day Ceremony in May.

The poster and application should be sent to:

California Department of Justice
Missing Children Clearinghouse
4949 Broadway, Room B-216
Sacramento, CA 95820

If you have any questions or need additional information, please send an email to missing.persons@doj.ca.gov. Sample lesson plans and materials for educators are available on-line at: http://mecptraining.org/poster-contest/poster-contest-resources/